

soon the levels of force as requested for by the State Government are likely to be deployed in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The deployment of Central Para Military Forces (CPMFs) in any State depends upon the overall security scenario and availability of these forces. Keeping in view these constraints, CPMFs have been made available, to the extent possible, to Government of Tripura. It is not in public interest to indicate the details of these forces or their levels of deployment in the state.

Loss of properties and lives inflicted by ULFA

1844. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the loss of properties and lives inflicted by ULFA activist in May, 2001 assembly polls related violence in Assam and neighbouring States;

(b) how many ULFA activists were nabbed or killed by the security forces during the poll process in Assam;

(c) the reasons for the failure of intelligence and security forces to contain ULFA violence in Assam; and

(d) the steps taken to protect lives and properties from terrorist outfits in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) According to available information, United Liberation Front of Assam (ULFA) militants had killed 37 persons between 11.4.2001 to 17.5.2001. The exact loss of property is yet to be estimated. Information from the neighbouring States is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) Between 11.4.2001 to 17.5.2001, 75 ULFA militants were nabbed by the security forces. 19 ULFA militants died in various encounters with the security forces in the said period.

(c) and (d) There has been no failure of intelligence and security forces

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in Assam in containing the violence unleashed by the militants. The Government has taken various steps to protect lives and properties from terrorist outfits in Assam. This include, *inter-alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-Military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; declaration of the entire State of Assam as "disturbed area" under the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958; reimbursement of security related expenditure to the State Government and modernization/up-gradation of State Police Force. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

Following effective security arrangements, 74.38% voters were able to cast their vote in the General Assembly Elections held in May, 2001 in Assam.

Illegal stay of Bangladeshis

1845. SHRI ANANTA SETHI

SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the illegal stay of a large number of Bangladesh nationals in the country;

(b) if so, the estimate number of such Bangladesh citizens in India, State-wise;

(c) whether the infiltration of such people from across Bangladesh is still going to; and

(d) if so, the details of steps taken to stop any further illegal entry of Bangladeshis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I. D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. There is a continuous influx of illegal migrants from Bangladesh. It is difficult to make a realistic estimate of the number of illegal immigrants from